

## CENTRAL REGISTRY PROCEDURE MANUAL

<b>Subject: NREMT Assessment Exam</b>	<b>Number: 650-85</b>
<b>Effective Date: 1/22/2018</b>	

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide information on who is eligible to take the NREMT Assessment Exam and how to apply and obtain EMSA approval.

### **REGULATION GUIDANCE:**

According to the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, an applicant for initial EMT certification or reinstatement over 12 months is required to show proof of passing the Cognitive and Psychomotor Exams (NREMT) within the last two years or possess a current and valid NREMT registration card. The assessment exam allows certain candidates to take the NREMT exam and notifies them of pass/fail status. The assessment exam does not provide a NREMT Registration card.

### **REFERENCE:**

- Chapter 2: Emergency Medical Technician
- EMT Eligibility, Recertification and Expiration Cycles chart
- The NREMT provides an “assessment examination” for use by State EMS offices seeking cognitive evaluation of a potential licensee.

### **REASONS TO UTILIZE THE NREMT ASSESSMENT EXAM:**

1. A candidate is under 18 years old and does not qualify to obtain a CA EMT certification or the NREMT basic registration card. The candidate can take the EMT training course and the NREMT assessment exam and receive notification of scores. Once they turn 18, they may apply for EMT certification.
2. A candidate utilized the challenge process in Chapter 2 to obtain a course completion record.
3. A candidate has an out-of-state EMT certificate or course completion record but not a current and valid NREMT basic registration or proof of passing in the last two years. Since they are not obtaining a CA EMT program director’s authorization to take the NREMT exams, they may request that the LEMSA verify their eligibility; then proceed with the approval process to take the assessment exam.
4. A candidate has an expired EMT certificate lapsed over 12 months and does not qualify for NREMT reinstatement or does not want a NREMT basic registration card. They may meet requirements and request that the LEMSA verify their eligibility; then proceed with the approval process to take the assessment exam.

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1. Candidate submits documentation to the LEMSA to review/verify eligibility for the NREMT Assessment Exam.
2. Candidate applies for the Assessment Exam on the NREMT site, ensuring that they check off the box marked "Assessment Exam." Here is a link to the [NREMT exam process](#).
3. The LEMSA emails the EMS Authority Division Chief, Sean Trask at [sean.trask@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:sean.trask@emsa.ca.gov), with the candidate's name and request to approve the candidate to take the assessment exam. In his absence, the LEMSA may email Kim Lew (Manager - Paramedic Licensure Unit) at [Kimberly.Lew@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Lew@emsa.ca.gov).
4. The Division Chief approves the candidate exam request from the LEMSA on the NREMT website and notifies the LEMSA who will contact the candidate. If there are concerns, you may [contact NREMT](#).